

# DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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## **Shuttle Undocks From Mir, Prepares for Sun. Landing**

The Space Shuttle Atlantis undocked from the Russian space station Mir Friday morning, leaving behind astronaut David Wolf who is scheduled to remain on Mir for four months. Astronaut Michael Foale is returning to Earth aboard the Space Shuttle after his four-month stay on Mir. Atlantis is scheduled to land at 6:58 a.m. CDT Sunday. The landing will be shown live on NASA TV.

## **On NASA TV**

STS-86 Mission Status  
Briefing, 1:30 p.m. Fri.

STS-86 Mission  
Update, 5 p.m. Fri.

## **Space Station Partners Confirm Construction is on Schedule**

Representatives of the 15 nations building the International Space Station gathered in Houston this week to finalize the station's assembly sequence and confirm that construction remains on target. All partners reported they were on schedule. The first station element, the Functional Cargo Block, is on track for launch in June 1998. The second element, U.S. Node 1, which was built at Marshall by Boeing, remains scheduled for launch on the first Space Shuttle assembly mission, STS-88, set for July 1998.

## **Closed Portion of Bldg. 4200 Parking Lot to Open Next Week**

Roofing construction on Bldg. 4200 has been completed and the cleanup process has begun. According to the project manager, the final inspection is scheduled for the first of next week, and the part of the north parking lot of Bldg. 4200 which has been closed due to the construction should be open by the end of the week.